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REMARKS

Claims 2-22 remain in this application. Claims 2, 17 and 19 have been amended. No new claim has been added. Claims have been canceled. All other claims remain the same. Full consideration of the claims as now presented is requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation Examiner's courtesies extended to the undersigned during the interview of March 1, 2006 during which the subject matter of claims 2-22 was discussed. Applicants appreciate Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2-22 pending amendment to overcome a formality raised during the interview. Examiner indicated that amending the independent claims to provide further clarification of the process steps would place the application in form for allowance. Proposed language was discussed and agreed to. Applicants hereby submit the agreed to amendments.

Claims 2, 17 and 19 hereby amended as follows by addition of subject matter (indicated as underlined text below) regarding the process steps:

- "employing the compound as a solvent or solvent additive in a chemical process";
- "employing the compound as an extraction solvent for a material separation";
- "employing the compound as a heat carrier, or heat carrier additive in a heat exchange unit".

Support for the underlined text is found in the specification as file: 1) page 1, line 24 to page 2, line 4; page 6, line 28 to page 7, line 5; page 7, lines 12-29; 2) page 2, lines 5-6; 3) page 8, lines 6-16, respectively. The text of the amended claims is set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" submitted herewith.

In view of all the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that they have made a diligent effort to move the claims to allowance by amending the claims as requested without addition of new subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in form for allowance and request an early notice of allowance therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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